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DIRECTORS (CNAD), 28-30 OCT 75 -- STATEMENT BY EURONAD CHAIRMAN
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TO CNAD, 28 OCT 75.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY EURONAD CHAIRMAN
TO CNAD ON 28 OCT 75 WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

STATEMENT BY EURONAD CHAIRMAN TO CONAD - 28 OCT 75

INTRODUCTION

1. MR. CHAIRMAN, I THOUGH IT MIGHT BE VALUABLE IF, FOLLOWING THE
PRACTICE ADOPTED AT THE LAST CNAD MEETING, I MADE A SHORT STATEMENT
HERE TODAY ON THE CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EUROGROUP
NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS, EURONAD, OF WHOM I HAVE THE
HONOUR TO BE CHAIRMAN. COPIES OF MY STATEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO ANYONE WHO REQUIRES IT; AND IT WOULD, I THINK, BE USEFUL
IF THE STATEMENT WERE REPRODUCED AS AN ANNEX TO THE DECISION
SHEET OF THIS MEETING.

2. MR. CHAIRMAN, SINCE OUR MAIN MEETING IN APRIL THIS YEAR
WE HAVE HAD TWO FURTHER MEETINGS OF EURONAD ITSELF (THE SECOND
ONE YESTERDAY HERE IN BRUSSELS) AND A NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF
OUR SENIOR STAFF GROUP AND A SPECIAL EURONAD WORKING PARTY.
THIS WORKING PARTY, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS CONCERNED
WITH THE WIDER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES IN ADDITION TO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS THEMSELVES, WAS
CONCERNED WITH THE PARTICULAR TASK OF DRAWING UP A REPORT TO
MINISTERS ON EUROPEAN/NORTH AMERICAN CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE
PROCUREMENT (THE "TWO-WAY STREET"); AND IT IS WITH THIS IMPORTANT
SUBJECT THAT I SHOULD LIKE TO DEAL FIRST.

EUROPEAN/NORTH AMERICAN CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE PROCUREMENT

3. AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW, THIS SUBJECT - WHICH INCLUDES THE
BROAD ISSUES OF STANDARDISATION, ARMS PROCUREMENT, EUROPEAN
DEFENCE INDUSTRY AND EUROPEAN EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION - IS
DUE TO BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL FROM A EUROPEAN VIEWPOINT BY
EUROGROUP MINISTERS AT THEIR MEETING IN THE HAGUE NEXT WEEK.
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4. ACCORDINGLY, WHEN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSED
THIS WHOLE QUESTION ON 22 OCTOBER ON THE BASIS OF AN INITIATIVE
FROM THE UNITED STATES AND SUBSEQUENT PROPOSALS FROM THE SEC-
RETARY-GENERAL IN PO/75/117, THE GREEK AMBASSADOR, AS PRO

TEMPORE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES,
MADE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROGROUP REGARDING OUR WORK
IN THIS FIELD. I CANNOT DO BETTER THAN REPEAT FOR YOUR BENEFIT
HERE THE STATEMENT HE MADE ON THAT OCCASION, WHICH (FOLLOWING
A SHORT INTRODUCTION) RAN AS FOLLOWS:-

"1. AS YOU KNOW, THE EUROGROUP HAS BEEN WORKING THROUGHOUT
THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN TO FOLLOW UP THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS AT

BOTH THE EUROGROUP AND DPC MEETINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR ON EUROPEAN/NORTH AMERICAN CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE PROCUREMENT. WE HAVE AIMED TO FOLLOW UP IN A POSITIVE WAY THE DECISION (1) OF NATO MINISTERS IN THE SPRING THAT, ON THE BASIS OF A FURTHER INITIATIVE FROM THE EUROGROUP, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING A "TWO-WAY STREET" IN ARMS PROCUREMENT BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA.

2. TO THIS END, EUROGROUP MINISTERS SET UP, UNDER THE AEGIS OF THEIR NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (EURONAD), A SPECIAL WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER THE WHOLE SUBJECT IN GREATER DETAIL AND TO FORMULATE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THIS WORKING PARTY HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS REPORT; AND THIS REPORT IS DUE TO BE DISCUSSED BY MINISTERS AT THE SPECIAL MEETING THAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH IN THE HAGUE.

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3. MR. CHAIRMAN, THE WORKING PARTY REPORT IS AN INTERESTING AND

THOUGHT-PROVOKING DOCUMENT, WHICH SHOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A FRUITFUL DISCUSSION ON 5 NOVEMBER, BUT SHOULD ALSO SERVE AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE FOLLOW-UP WORK THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. IT WOULD CLEARLY BE WRONG FOR ME TO GO INTO DETAIL ON THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT BEFORE MINISTERS THEMSELVES HAVE CONSIDERED IT; BUT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT IT COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT. CONFIDENTIAL

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STARTING FROM THE PREMISE THAT IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO INCREASE THE STANDARDISATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, THE REPORT EXAMINES WAYS AND MEANS AND CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING ON A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, IN ORDER TO FURTHER EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION WITH THE US AND CANADA IN DEFENCE PROCUREMENT AND TO DEVELOP A TWO-WAY STREET ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. IT ALSO CONSIDERS HOW TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO EUROPEAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY; AND IT MAKES A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

4. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, BE KEEPING YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH EUROGROUP THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT AS IT DEVELOPS AT AND AFTER THE 5 NOVEMBER MEETING. WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND TO HARMONISE THE EUROGROUP'S OWN PROGRAMME OF WORK WITH THAT OF THE COUNCIL AND OF ANY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE COUNCIL. OVER THE COMING WEEKS WE SHALL BE CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS; OUR AIM IS, OF COURSE, TO ENSURE THAT THE EUROGROUP'S WORK IS PUT TO THE BEST USE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK."

PREPARATION OF EQUIPMENT SCHEDULES

5. WE HAVE BEEN CONTINUING OUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON DRAWING UP COMPREHENSIVE EQUIPMENT SCHEDULES PROVIDING COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES AND PLANS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. AS YOU KNOW, WE REGARD THIS WORK AS FUNDAMENTAL TO MINISTERS' DECLARED AIM OF FURTHERING EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION ON AS BROAD A BASE AS POSSIBLE; AND I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THESE SCHEDULES ARE NOW AT QUITE AN ADVANCED STAGE.

6. THUS WE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL IN TWO MAIN CATEGORIES:-

A) AREAS WHERE THERE MAY BE SCOPE FOR WIDER COLLABORATION
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BETWEEN EUROGROUP MEMBERS.

AND B) PROSPECTS FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROCUREMENT OF US EQUIPMENT BY EUROGROUP COUNTRIES.

THE SECOND CATEGORY WILL OF COURSE BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN OUR FOLLOW-ON WORK ON THE "TWO-WAY STREET"; SEPARATE ACTION IS IN HAND TO IDENTIFY THE ITEMS WHICH MIGHT FORM US PURCHASES FROM EUROPE IN THIS CONTEXT.

FOLLOW-ON PROCEDURES FOR TACTICAL SUB-CONCEPTS

7. WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING FORWARD WITH THE EUROLONGTERM SUB-GROUP DISCUSSION ON HOW BEST TO BUILD STAFF TARGETS AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS FROM THE COMMON TACTICAL CONCEPTS AGREED IN THAT GROUP. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT AREA, IN WHICH IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BUILD ON THE PIONEERING WORK OF EUROLONGTERM IF WE ARE TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE ALIANCE.

8. EUROGROUP MINISTERS WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION FURTHER AT THEIR REGULAR WINTER MEETING HERE IN BRUSSELS ON 8 DECEMBER; AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY THIS WORK FURTHER FORWARD NEXT YEAR.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CNAD BUSINESS

9. WE ALSO HAD YESTERDAY OUR CUSTOMARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SOME OF THE MAJOR ITEMS THAT WE ARE DUE TO DISCUSS HERE IN CNAD DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THIS WAS A VALUABLE AND WOTHWHILE DISCUSSION; AND I THINK THAT THIS CNAD MEETING WILL BENEFIT ACCORDINGLY.

CONCLUSION

10. MR. CHAIRMN, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CNAD A BRIEF IDEA OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF EURONAD AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE WORK OF EURONAD, IN FUURTHERING COLLABORATION AMONG EUROGROUP MEMBERS IN THE EQUIPMENT FIELD, IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE; AND IS OF COURSE AIMED TO BENEFIT THE WHOLE ALLIANCE AND TO PROMOTE OUR COMMON DEFENCE.

11. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON WHAT I HAVE
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JUST SAID, I SHOULD BE GLAD TO TRY AND ANSWER THEM.
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